



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
HIGAKI et al. ) Art Unit 2186  
Application Number: 10/803,910 )  
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For: MEMORY CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD )  
FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME )  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as outlined  
hereinbelow: